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REMARKS

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 1-14 are pending. Claims 1-14 are amended. Claims 1 and 8 are independent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the objections in view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein.

Examiner Interview

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative, Carl T. Thomsen, Registration No. 50,786, during the interviews conducted on April 12, 2004 and April 28, 2004. During the interviews, proposed changes to the claims were discussed in an attempt to place the claims in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(c) and to conform with current U.S. practice. The claims have been amended in the manner discussed during the interviews, and are believed to place the application into condition for allowance. In addition, the Examiner agreed in the interview that the drawings fully comply with 37 CFR 1.121(c), and stated that no changes are needed in the drawings.

Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Objections Based on 37 CFR § 1.121(c)

The Examiner alleges that the reply filed on January 15, 2004 is not fully responsive to the Office Action of October 15, 2003 because (a) the amendments to the claims and to the

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drawings are not in strict compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(c), and (b) that the claims fail to conform with current U.S. practice.

While not conceding the appropriateness of the Examiner's objections, but merely to advance prosecution of the present application, independent claim 1 is amended herein to recite combinations of elements directed to a vehicle radiator apparatus, including:

an engine in a power unit supported by a vehicle body frame, said engine having a water jacket;

a heat radiation core mounted onto the engine,

the heat radiation core having first coupled protruding pieces extending from inner and outer sides of an upper part of the radiation core, and having second coupled protruding pieces extending from inner and outer sides of a lower part of the radiation core;

a first tank and a second tank coupled to the heat radiation core,

said first tank communicating with an inlet of the water jacket, and said second tank communicating with an outlet of said water jacket,

said first and second tanks being made of synthetic resin, said first tank being attached to the first coupled protruding pieces, and said second tank being attached to said second coupled protruding pieces; and

a shroud of the radiator apparatus made of an elastic material for conducting a cooling wind through the radiator apparatus, the first tank and the second tank being mounted onto

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the shroud.

In a similar manner, independent claim 8 is amended herein to recite combinations of elements directed to a vehicle radiator apparatus, including:

a vehicle body frame;

an engine in a power unit rockably coupled to the vehicle body frame in an up-and-down direction through a pivot shaft and supported through a rear shock absorber, said engine having a water jacket;

a heat radiation core mounted onto the engine,

the heat radiation core having first coupled protruding pieces extending from inner and outer sides of an upper part of the radiation core, and having second coupled protruding pieces extending from inner and outer sides of a lower part of the radiation core;

a first tank and a second tank coupled through the heat radiation core,

said first tank communicating with an inlet of the water jacket of said engine and said second tank communicating with an outlet of said water jacket,

said first and second tanks being made of synthetic resin, said first tank being attached to the first coupled protruding pieces, and said second tank being attached to the second coupled protruding pieces; and

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a shroud of the radiator apparatus mounted onto the engine made of elastic material for conducting a cooling wind through the radiator apparatus, the first tank and the second tank being mounted onto the shroud.

In view of the above-described changes, independent claims 1 and 8 are in condition for allowance. Further, dependent claims 2-7 and 2-7 and 9-14 are in condition for allowance due to their dependence on allowable independent claims, of due to the additional novel features set forth therein.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections under 37 CFR 1.121(c) are respectfully requested. All claims of the present application are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and that the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, she is invited to telephone Carl T. Thomsen (Reg. No. 50,786) at (703) 205-8000. (Direct Line 703-208-4030)

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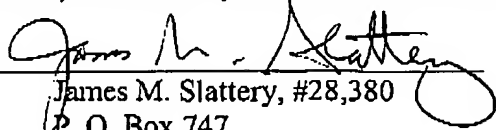
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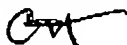
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